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Ark raises \$4.2M seed round from Andreessen, CRV, Greylock and Intel Capital

YCombinator-backed search startup raises largest amount in incubator history

April 24, 2012--San Francisco, CA--Ark, the new personal search company that graduated from YCombinator's recent Winter 2012 class, raised \$4.2M in their first seed round. This massive funding represents the largest seed round ever raised by a YCombinator company.

Institutions leading the round include:

- * Andreessen Horowitz
- * Charles River Ventures
- * Greylock
- * Intel Capital
- * SV Angel

Other institutions participating in the round are Atlas Ventures, Crosslink Capital, Expansion Venture Capital, Felicis Ventures, Lightbank, Salesforce, Tencent, and Transmedia Capital.

And notable angel investors from Facebook, Tencent, Qualcomm, Hubspot, Microsoft, IGN, Excite, comScore, Walmart, and Marin Software.

Ark will use the funding to expand their current mobile and search engineering teams, and build out their personal search products. "We are completely re-imagining and redesigning the search experience with a focus on people and social networks. We are inspired that so many institutions and investors believe in the team, enjoy using Ark search, and appreciate the impact we will have in the massive search space," said Patrick Riley, Founder and CEO of Ark.

Ark currently offers a modern people search engine that enables you to search through public profiles and the private data of your friends across Facebook, Google, LinkedIn and other networks.

In addition, Ark will soon enable you to search through your information across all your social networks from one place, providing a powerful personal search engine.

The site is currently in private beta with over 15,000 users, and received over a quarter of a million requests for invites. To learn more and to request your invite visit ark.com<<http://ark.com>>, or follow us on Twitter @ark.

About Ark:

Ark was created in 2011 by co-founders Patrick Riley and Yiming Liu. The two met as Ph.D.



students at UC Berkeley and decided to create this company to address the growing needs of people wanting to connect with one another online and offline. Ark can be found at ark.com<<http://ark.com>>.

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